

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 408

By Towns

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coffey Anderson for his contributions to the world of music.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those fine musicians who bring the joys of artistic expression and culture through their vast musical talent to the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Coffey Anderson is one such deserving performer who has skillfully achieved his most ambitious goal: to break through musical boundaries with his distinctive artistry; and

WHEREAS, a guitar-playing cowboy from Bangs, Texas, Coffey Anderson has fused his home-grown country roots with his God-given rhythm and soul; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson's dynamic style and vibrant stage presence have garnered him much attention from national audiences with diverse musical and cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Coffey Anderson's first release, *Southern Man*, sold more than 50,000 units through BurnLounge, earning him the coveted distinction of being the number one selling artist for the digital download company; and

WHEREAS, with infectious melodies and relatable lyrics, Mr. Anderson's exemplary songwriting abilities evoke real emotion and allow the listener to identify with the meaning of each song, be it heartache or a light-hearted love song; and

WHEREAS, Coffey Anderson is a true performer in any setting, from dirt-floored Texas rodeos to swanky private parties in The Hamptons; his exceptional music transcends the listening boundaries of country, hip-hop, soul, and rock music, creating a sound that has something for everyone, but is distinctly its own; and

WHEREAS, with his gift of entertaining and connecting to his audience evident both on and off the stage, Mr. Anderson keeps busy in the performance arena; he has toured more than

100 cities in the last eight months, been given the key to the city of his hometown of Bangs, has performed many benefit concerts for battered women's and children's centers, and is shooting a reality show, *Diary of a Southern Man*; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Mr. Anderson will showcase his talents at 12th and Porter in Nashville on April 24, 2007, will perform a benefit concert for Bless It Forward in July, which benefits four special needs children's charities in Atlanta, and is embarking on a 40-city College Tour this summer; and

WHEREAS, the South is recognized throughout the world as the home of a wide range of musical excellence, and the Southern states of this great nation resound with the rich and colorful sound of that music, a sound to which Coffey Anderson has added his own distinct voice; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we recognize the illustrious career and the extraordinary talents of a most gifted singer and musician; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Coffey Anderson on his musical talent as a performing artist, songwriter, and entertainer, congratulate him on being the number one selling artist for BurnLounge, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.